

On March 4, 2020, the court received Smalls’ “EMERGENCY PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION MEDICAL TRANSFER,” seeking court assistance

to receive a transfer for medical reasons that had already been approved by the facility and by the Central Classification Services of the Virginia Department of Corrections (“VDOC”). The court entered an order directing the defendants to respond to Smalls’ motion within fourteen days. On March 9, 2020, the court received a notice from Smalls, stating that as of March 4, 2020, the Governor of Virginia had pardoned him on the condition that he be released to the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons. The return address on that mailing indicated that Smalls was no longer confined at Wallens Ridge. On March 17, 2020, the copy of the prior order mailed to Smalls at Wallens Ridge was returned as undeliverable, with no forwarding address indicated. The VDOC Inmate Locator program online no longer shows that Smalls is in the custody of the VDOC.

Based on the foregoing, it is evident that the defendants in this case can no longer grant Smalls the medical transfer requested in his motion. *See Williams v. Griffin*, 952 F.2d 820, 823 (4th Cir. 1991) (holding that transfer of a prisoner rendered moot his claim for injunctive relief). Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the motion, ECF No. 93, is DISMISSED as moot.

ENTER: March 18, 2020

/s/ JAMES P. JONES

United States District Judge